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## **OUR CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

Saints and Feasts:

Sunday, May 30, 2021

THE persecution turned out to be no slight benefit as "to them that love God all things work together for good." (Rom. viii. 28.) If they had made it their express study how best to establish the Church, they would have done no other thing than this--they dispersed the teachers.[\*] Mark in what quarters the preaching was extended. "They travelled," it says, "as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch; to none however did they preach the word but to Jews only." Dost thou mark with what wise purposes of Providence so much was done in the case of Cornelius? This serves both to justify Christ, and to impeach the Jews. When Stephen was slain, when Paul was twice in danger, when the Apostles were scourged, then the Gentiles received the word, then the Samaritans. Which Paul also declares: "To you it was necessary that the Word of God should first be spoken; but since ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy, lo, we turn unto the Gentiles." (ch. xiii. 46.)..."And the hand of the Lord," it says, "was with them," that is, they wrought miracles; "and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." (v. 21.) Do you mark why now also there was heed of miracles (namely) that they might believe? "Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch." (v. 22.) What may be the reason that, when such a city received the word, they did not come themselves? Because of the Jews. But they send Barnabas. However, it is no small part of the providential management even so that Paul comes to be there. It is both natural, and it is wisely ordered, that they are averse to him, and (so) that Voice of the Gospel, that Trumpet of heaven, is not shut up in Jerusalem..."And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch." (v. 26.) Verily this is the reason why it was there they were appointed to be called Christians, because Paul there spent so long time!

St. John Chrysostom

## **Narthex Duty:** Anthony Rouches

## **Welcoming Ministry:** Melita Green

## **Orthros Reader:** TBA

## **Coffee Hour (Beginning June 6): Philoptochos**

# MEMORIAL FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

## **Communion Guidelines:**

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and

He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?

Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## June

**June 10:** Ascension

**June 24:** The Nativity of the Forerunner

**June 29:** SS. Peter & Paul

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil

Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Apolytikion of Pascha

Plagal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

4<sup>th</sup> Tone

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the message of the resurrection and having cast from them their ancestral condemnation, they proudly proclaimed the news to the Apostles: Death has been vanquished; for Christ, our God, has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

## Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Kontakion

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

## Άπολυτίκιον

ΤΗΧΟΣ ΠΛ. α'

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαριτάμενος.

## Άπολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον

ΤΗΧΟΣ δ'

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Άναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Αγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Αποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Άπολυτίκιον

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Μεσούσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχήν, εὐσεβείας πότισον νάματα ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας· ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω· Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς δόξα σοι.

## Άπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

ΤΗΧΟΣ α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ώς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἥθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασύλειον Ιεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὁσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Κοντάκιον

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ώς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Πράξεις Αποστόλων 11:19-30 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διασπαρέντες οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Στεφάνῳ διῆλθον ἔως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίοις. Ἡσαν δέ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ κυρίου μετ' αὐτῶν· πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἡκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὅτα τῆς ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις περὶ αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐξαπέστειλαν Βαρνάβαν διελθεῖν ἔως Ἀντιοχείας· ὃς παραγενόμενος καὶ ἴδων τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλει πάντας τῇ προθέσει τῆς καρδίας προσμένειν τῷ κυρίῳ· ὅτι ἦν ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς καὶ πλήρης πνεύματος ἀγίου καὶ πίστεως· καὶ προσετέθη ὅχλος ἰκανὸς τῷ κυρίῳ. Ἐξῆλθεν δὲ εἰς Ταρσὸν ὁ Βαρνάβας ἀναζητῆσαι Σαῦλον, καὶ εὑρὼν ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναχθῆναι τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὅχλον ἰκανόν, χρηματίσαι τε πρώτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητὰς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατῆλθον ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων προφῆται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ εἰς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὄνόματι Ἀγαβος, ἐσήμανεν διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἔκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὃ καὶ ἐποίησαν, ἀποστείλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβα καὶ Σαύλου.



# TO ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

## The Gospel According to John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

## 'Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 5:1-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

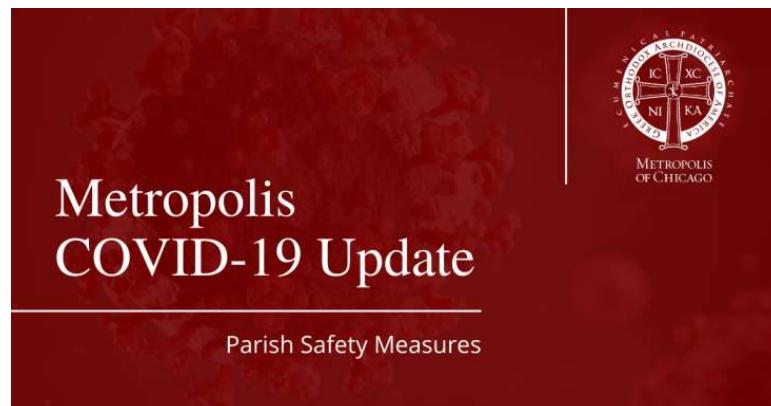
Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

# Latest St. Basil Covid-19 Guidelines (May 26, 2021)

In keeping with the updated [Metropolis Guidelines](#), St. Basil is adopting the following protocols for our Parishioners.

## Liturgical Guidelines

- Parishioners will enter through main doors of the Church beginning June 13 (Parishioners will continue to enter from the ADA door until June 13)
- While you will not be asked about your vaccination status, we do require all parishioners to sign in for contact tracing.
- If you are vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask or socially distance. We ask that you sit on the **North side of the Church**
- If you are unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For those who are not vaccinated and for those who wish to continue observing social distance , we ask that you sit on the **South side of the Church**.
- Beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> the St. Basil Choir will resume. Please be aware that in order to sing in the choir, you must be vaccinated.
- Beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>, coffee hour will resume. Similar to the nave of the Church, the Hall will be split in half to accommodate those who are vaccinated and those who are not. The North side of the Hall will be for those who are vaccinated and the South side of the Hall will be for those who are not or those wishing to continue social distancing.



# Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



*"My cup overflows with your blessings."*

PSALM 23:5

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- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

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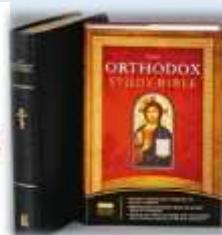
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# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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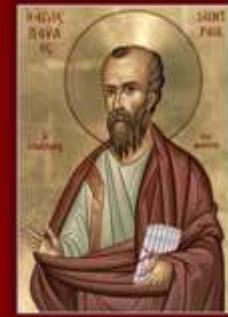
**When:** Tuesday Mornings –  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Where:** ONLINE VIA



Participate in a Zoom Meeting      Watch on Facebook Live and ask  
questions in the comments

*Bible Study with Fr. Dimitri*



**St. Paul's  
1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
to the  
Corinthians**



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Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

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*Grow the faith with the #MetropolisMustardSeed*

# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

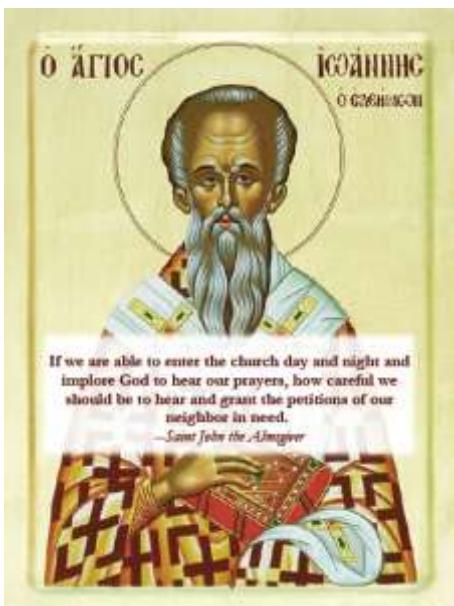
- Sunday, May 30 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Monday , May 31, 10:00am - Memorial Day Grave Blessings Elmwood
- Tuesday , June 1, 10:00am - Bible Study
- **Sunday, June 6 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Blind Man**
  - Monday , June 7 - Girls Ministry to assist Philoptochos with Coffee Hour
  - Monday , June 7, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - Tuesday , June 8, 7:00pm - Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting
  - Wednesday, June 9, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday, June 9, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Thursday, June 10, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Holy Ascension
- Friday, June 11, 8:30am - Orthos and Divine Liturgy for the Apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael)
- **Sunday, June 13 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fathers of the First Council**
  - Tuesday , June 15 - Bible Study
  - Wednesday , June 16, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday , June 16, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
  - Wednesday , June 16, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Ascension

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.**

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## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.



**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests



**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darren, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

**Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.**

## VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



# ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer,  
please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

#### Operational Expenses

**\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)**

#### Stewards Pledged at St. Basil

**133 of goal of 190**

#### Dollar Amount Pledged

**\$189,624.00**

#### Dollar Amount Collected

**\$100,513.00**

#### Average Pledge

**\$1475.23**

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**95 out of 133 (71.42%)**

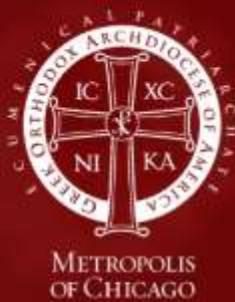


As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



Download the APP **DIGITAL CHANT STAND** by AGES Initiatives

To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device



# Metropolis COVID-19 Update

Parish Safety Measures

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day  
Grave Blessings

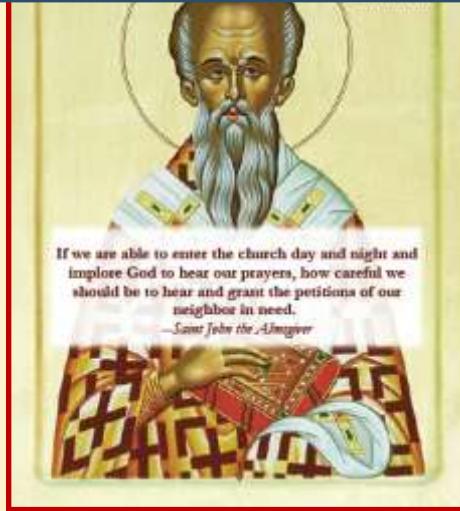


It is the tradition of many Greek Orthodox Christians to extend the memorial of this day (May 27<sup>th</sup>) to all of those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection.

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Elmwood Cemetery

Please Call the Office if you have any special requests.

## Parish Outreach



### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
  
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.**

Please join our  
**Philoptochos**  
**Blood Drive**

June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

is collaborating with

**Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society**

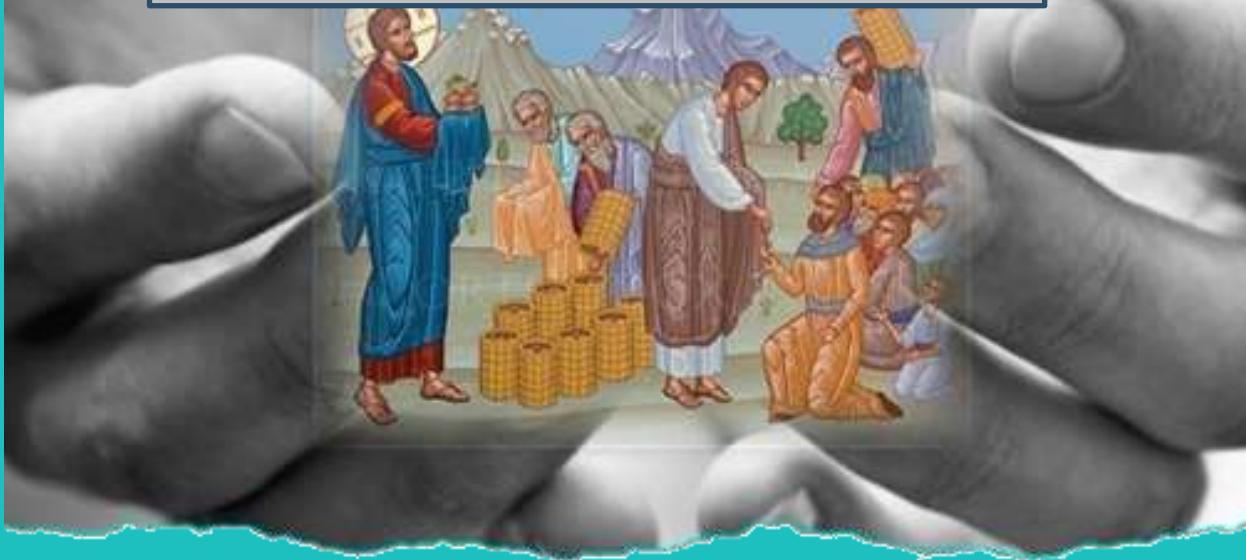
to host a Blood Drive at St. George.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at [dot64@rcn.com](mailto:dot64@rcn.com).

# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.

Canned Vegetables – 2 cans

Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter – 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products



**H O P E**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

❖ ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

THE PARISHES OF THE CITY OF  
CHICAGO INVITE YOU TO

THE ΛΡΟΔΟΣΙΣ ΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ  
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METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO  
WITH THE CLERGY OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
2727 West Winona Street

Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Orthros 7:00 p.m.  
followed by Divine Liturgy

❖ ST. DEMETRIOS

❖ ST. GEORGE

❖ ST. BASIL

❖ ST. ANDREW

❖ ASSUMPTION

❖ HOLY TRINITY

THE GOOD NEWS  
(TO ΦΑΙΔΡΩΝ)

Resurrection Hymn  
Tone 4

Engl. Adaptation  
Fr. George Scoulas &  
Vivian G. Cardwell

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